

# **Assemblymember Christine Kehoe Brings You News From Sacramento**

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## **Visit me in Hillcrest Tomorrow**

I love going to Sacramento and working to improve the lives of San Diegans. But being at our state's capital four days a week means I don't see you as often as I'd like. I read the papers, watch the news, and continuously talk to my team in San Diego to know what's going on, but I miss my neighbors! Tomorrow, Saturday March 16<sup>th</sup>, I'm setting up a "sidewalk office" in front of Ralph's Market in Hillcrest. Please come by for a chat and let me know about issues that are important to you. Ralph's Market is located at 1030 University Ave. I'll be there between 10a.m. and noon. Bring your children for free fingerprinting by a CHP officer. This can be a valuable record for parent to have.

## **San Diego River Eligible for Prop. 40 Funds**

What great news to see that the majority of San Diego voters voted "yes" on Prop 40, the Clean Water, Air, and Safe Parks Act. This proposition sets aside \$230 million in grants for historical and cultural resources preservation and makes more than \$30 million available for river parkways. This means we could see great strides in efforts to improve the San Diego River. Improvements will be further funded with my bill to establish a San Diego River Conservancy (AB2156). For more information on Prop 40 or my San Diego River Conservancy bill, please call me or visit my website at: <http://democrats.assembly.ca.gov/members/a76/>.

## **100% Rating from the California National Organization for Women**

Every year California's branch of the National Organization for Women (CANOW) publishes a Legislative Report Card rating how legislators voted on issues important to women. You'll be pleased to know that I received a score of 100 percent for my 2001 voting record! Taken into consideration were issues including unemployment discrimination, reproductive rights, education, domestic violence, and lesbian/gay rights. It's rewarding to be recognized by an organization that is so dedicated in their service to women.

## **Congratulations to our Woman of the Year**

Sunniva Sorby is the 76<sup>th</sup> District's Woman of the Year. On March 18<sup>th</sup> Sunniva will be honored in the California State Assembly along with other women athletes from all over California. Sunniva is an inspirational leader with a long history of accomplishments. In 1993 she made history as a member of the first women's team to ever reach the South Pole on foot. She is currently co-authoring a book project on leadership lessons, and she is also President and scholarship chair of the Pacific Women's Sports Foundation –an organization dedicated to promoting opportunities for girls and women in sports. She continues to work as a guide, and just last year completed a lecturing tour in South Africa, Kenya, Zimbabwe, Tanzania and Mauritius. Congratulations Sunniva!

## **Free Help to Prepare Your Taxes**

Don't forget that April 15<sup>th</sup> is the deadline to file your income tax returns. If you find yourself lost in the maze of forms and regulations, help is available. The California Franchise Tax Board sponsors Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) programs to help individuals prepare their income tax returns. There are VITA and TCE sites throughout San Diego, and many offer bilingual services. For a listing of a site near you, call my office at (619) 294-7600.